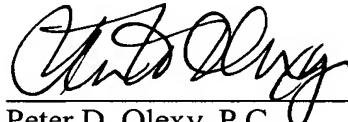


PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**REMARKS**

Multiple dependency is removed from the claims.

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